THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) A programme for energy saving in Government offices has been undertaken. Some guidelines in the form of "Do's" and "Don'ts" have been issued to all Government offices. It is proposed to install master control facilities in areas of comparatively high power consumption. Other steps like installation of electronic fan regulators and starting an educational-cum-advertising campaign through posters to make the Government employees conscious about this problem are being taken. It is too early to estimate the savings likely to be achieved.

414. *[Withdrawn]*

Delegation of authority for classification of hotels to States

415. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that authority to classify a hotel as two star and one star has been delegated to State Governments; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) At present, there are 436 classified hotels all over the country. These hotels have to be reclassified once in three years. Looking at the magnitude of the work and the need to involve State Governments in the task of tourism promotion, the powers to classify one and two star hotels were delegated to State Governments on 1.1.1985.

Production of Edible Oilseeds

416. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenment has stopped the import of edible oilseeds during the last six months of 1987;

(b) whether there was any shortage of edible oilseeds during the year 1987; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to increase the production of edible oilseeds during the current year.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRCULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) During the last six months of 1987, no imports of oilseeds on commercial/aid basis were made.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz:—

(i) National Oilseeds Development Project; and

(ii) Oilseeds Production Thrust Programme (OPTP) are being implemented during the curent year.

Under these programmes, financial assistance is provided to farmers in important oilseeds growing States for rendering assistance regarding seeds production, plant protection measures, improved farm implements distribution, extension of technology, supply of sprinkler sets and calcium sulphate etc. for organising demonstration.

Besides, special efforts are being made during the current year to